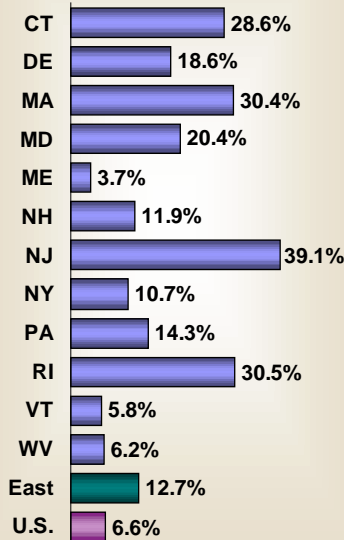


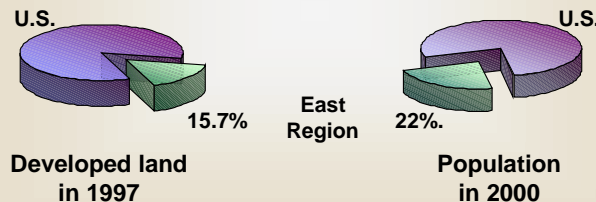
### 1997 NRI: Percent Developed Non-Federal Land



### POPULATION and DEVELOPMENT

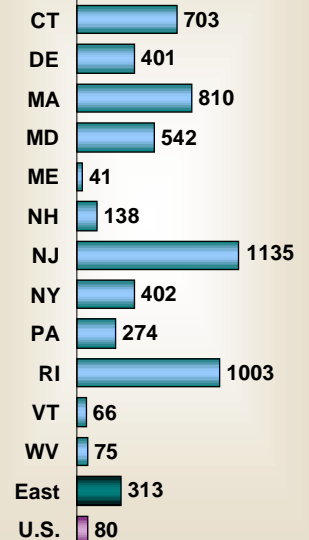
Sources: 2000 U.S. Census Estimates, and the 1997 National Resources Inventory (NRI), revised Dec 2000

Though it occupies less than 7% of the total coterminous U.S. land area with 62.1 million people, the East Region is home to 22% of U.S. total population; and with 15.5 million acres in development, accounts for nearly 16% of the developed land in the U.S.



The East Region is represented in the U.S. Congress by 100 Representatives and 24 Senators.

### Census 2000 Population Density: Persons per Square Mile



### DEVELOPMENT

- The percentage of developed land area in the East Region is nearly double that of the U.S. as a whole.
- Seven of the 'Top 10' states in the nation having the highest percentage of development as of 1997 are found in the East Region (NJ, RI, MA, CT, MD, DE, and PA). When examining the 'Top 20' states, NH and NY are also included.

### POPULATION DENSITY

- The East Region has a population density of 313 persons per square mile; nearly four times the U.S. average.
- State population densities range from 1,135 persons per square mile in New Jersey (the highest state density in the Nation) to 41 in Maine.

The East Region contains 12 of the 28 estuaries designated in the National Estuary Program (NEP):

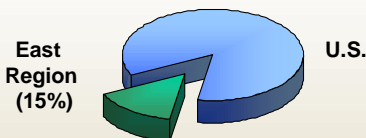
- Barnegat Bay (NJ)
- Buzzards Bay (MA)
- Casco Bay (ME)
- Delaware Estuary (DE, NJ, PA)
- Delaware Inland Bays (DE)
- Long Island Sound (CT, NY)
- Maryland Coastal Bays (MD)
- Massachusetts Bays (MA)
- Narragansett Bay (RI)
- New Hampshire Estuaries (NH)
- New York – New Jersey Harbor (NY, NJ)
- Peconic Bay (NY)

The East Region contains 1 of the 13 designated sanctuaries in the National Marine Sanctuary Program:

- Stellwagen Bank (MA)

The New England and Mid-Atlantic States have a fisheries industry valued at \$775 million dollars, which is over 22% of the U.S. production.

The East Region contains 15% (roughly 14,000 miles) of the Nation's 95,000 miles of oceanic and Great Lakes coastline.



Ten of the 35 eligible coastal states and territories participating in the National Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program are in the East Region.

### WATER RESOURCES

The East Region contains 6 of the 14 rivers designated in the American Heritage Rivers Initiative Program:

- Blackstone and Woonasquatucket Rivers (MA, RI)
- Connecticut River (CT, VT, NH, MA)
- Hudson River (NY)
- New River (NC, VA, WV)
- Potomac River (DC, MD, PA, VA, WV)
- Upper Susquehanna and Lackawanna Rivers (PA)

### LARGE WATER BODIES AND THE EAST REGION

- Approximately 66% of the Chesapeake Bay's 64,000 square mile watershed is within the East Region (DE, MD, PA, NY, WV). The Chesapeake Bay, the largest estuary in the U.S., is protected under the federally mandated Chesapeake Bay Program.
- Two of the 8 states sharing the Great Lakes drainage basin with Canada are in the East Region (NY, PA). The Great Lakes comprise the largest system of fresh, surface water on earth, containing approximately 18% of the world supply.
- 93% of Lake Champlain's drainage basin is in the East Region (VT, NY). Lake Champlain is the 6th largest lake in the United States.
- A portion of the Mississippi River drainage basin is found in the East Region (MD, NY, PA, WV). River flux from this basin affects coastal areas in the Gulf of Mexico, where hypoxic conditions have been observed.
- About 62% of the Gulf of Maine's 69,115 square mile watershed is within the East Region (MA, ME, NH). This immense terrestrial watershed empties 250 billion gallons of fresh water into nearshore estuarine environments each year.